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ABSTRACT

Grade reports provided by California State University at Los Angeles (CSULA) were examined to determine the persistence of the 386 Los Angeles City College students who transferred to CSULA in Fall 1977. The reports for each quarter from Fall 1977 through Summer 1979 were analyzed in terms of the number of units attempted, the units completed, student grade point average (GPA), and student major. Major findings indicated that of the 386 transfer students, 83% completed some course work during Fall 1977, and 68% enrolled in Winter 1978. By the end of Spring 1979, 41% were still enrolled and 37% completed their courses. Students with majors in the School of Business and Economics showed the highest percentage returning for the second quarter (78%). By Fall 1978, however, majors in the Schools of Letters and Science and of Fine and Applied Arts showed higher returning percentages. Students with majors in Business and Economics had the most academic difficulty; their average GPA stayed between 1.9 and 2.1. The average GPA for students in Fine and Applied Arts increased from 2.5 to 2.7 during the two years, while Letters and Science majors fluctuated from 2.4 (Fall 1977) to 3.0 (Fall 1978) to 2.75 (Spring 1979). The study report presents findings in tables and graphs. (Author/JP)

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PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

Transfer records furnished to LACC from four year universities and colleges vary widely in scope, format, and type of information provided. Almost all, however, have one characteristic in common: whatever information is furnished is limited to first semester (or quarter) performance. California State University at Los Angeles provides an exception to this policy, in that for each quarter complete grade reports are sent for every transfer enrolled, no matter how long he or she has been there.

The purpose of this study is to obtain some information relating to persistence of LACC students after they transfer to CSULA.

PROCEDURE OF THE STUDY

The 386 students transfering to CSULA in Fall 1977 are the subjects used in this study. Their grade reports for Fall 77, Winter 78, Spring 78, Summer 78, Fall 78, Winter 79, Spring 79, and Summer 79 were examined and the following information recorded for each of those quarters: units attempted, units completed, grade points, and major. The tables presented in the next section summarize this information. It should be noted that analysis by major is according to the major listed for the particular quarter being studied.

FINDINGS

Tables 1 and 2 indicate persistence rates and grade point averages, respectively according to sex and school of major over the two year period.

Table 3 shows the number of specific majors over each of the quarters.

Figures 1 through 6 present some of this information graphically.

TABLE 1 - Persistence Rates of Fall 1977 LACC Transfers to CSULA

Major	Sex	Fall 1977		Winter 1978		Spring 1978		Fall 1978		Winter 1979		Spring 1979	
		Start	Compl.	Start	Compl.	Start	Compl.	Start	Compl.	Start	Compl.	Start	Compl.
(0) Undecided	Male	27	23	19	17	14	14	7	7	4	4	1	1
	%	(100.0)	(85.2)	(70.4)	(63.0)	(51.9)	(51.9)	(25.9)	(25.9)	(14.8)	(14.8)	(3.7)	(3.7)
	Female	40	35	21	16	14	12	5	2	4	2	2	1
	%	(100.0)	(87.5)	(52.5)	(40.0)	(35.0)	(30.0)	(12.5)	(5.0)	(10.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(2.5)
	Total	67	58	40	33	28	26	12	9	8	6	3	2
	%	(100.0)	(86.6)	(59.7)	(49.3)	(41.8)	(38.8)	(17.9)	(13.4)	(11.9)	(9.0)	(4.5)	(3.0)
(1) Business & Economics	Male	53	41	40	33	34	29	30	27	22	17	19	17
	%	(100.0)	(77.4)	(75.5)	(62.3)	(64.2)	(54.7)	(56.6)	(50.9)	(41.5)	(32.1)	(35.8)	(32.1)
	Female	35	29	29	25	26	22	22	19	22	19	22	19
	%	(100.0)	(82.9)	(82.9)	(71.4)	(74.3)	(62.9)	(62.9)	(54.3)	(62.9)	(54.3)	(62.9)	(54.3)
	Total	88	70	69	58	60	51	52	46	44	36	40	36
	%	(100.0)	(79.5)	(78.4)	(65.9)	(68.2)	(58.0)	(59.1)	(52.3)	(50.0)	(40.9)	(45.5)	(40.9)
(2) Education	Male	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
	%	(100.0)	(100.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)
	Female	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1
	%												
	Total	2	2	0	0	1	1	3	3	3	3	2	2
	%	(100.0)	(100.0)			(50.0)	(50.0)					(100.0)	(100.0)
(3) Fine & Appled Arts	Male	45	37	30	26	29	26	25	21	20	17	21	17
	%	(100.0)	(82.2)	(66.7)	(57.8)	(64.4)	(57.8)	(55.6)	(56.7)	(44.4)	(37.8)	(46.7)	(37.8)
	Female	46	40	31	26	29	26	31	25	24	23	23	21
	%	(100.0)	(87.0)	(67.4)	(56.5)	(63.0)	(56.5)	(67.4)	(54.3)	(52.2)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(45.7)
	Total	91	77	61	52	58	52	56	46	44	40	44	38
	%	(100.0)	(84.6)	(67.0)	(57.1)	(63.7)	(57.1)	(61.5)	(50.5)	(48.4)	(44.0)	)48.4)	(41.8)

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Major	Sex	Fall 1977		Winter 1978		Spring 1978		Fall 1978		Winter 1979		Spring 1979	
		Start	Compl.	Start	Compl.	Start	Compl.	Start	Compl.	Start	Compl.	Start	Compl.
(4) Letters & Science	Male	56	42	33	31	35	33	35	26	31	25	31	29
	%	(100.0)	(75.0)	(58.9)	(55.4)	(62.5)	(58.9)	(62.5)	(46.4)	(55.4)	(44.6)	(55.4)	(51.8)
	Female	65	54	49	44	41	37	40	34	34	30	32	31
	%	(100.0)	(83.1)	(75.4)	(67.7)	(63.1)	(56.9)	(61.5)	(52.3)	(52.3)	(46.2)	(49.2)	(47.7)
	Total	121	96	83	75	76	70	75	60	65	55	63	60
	%	(100.0)	(79.3)	(68.6)	(62.0)	(62.8)	(57.9)	(62.0)	(49.6)	(53.7)	(45.5)	(52.1)	(49.6)
(5) Engineering	Male	16	15	11	8	10	10	10	7	7	7	6	4
	%	(100.0)	(93.8)	(68.8)	(50.0)	(62.5)	(62.5)	(62.5)	(43.8)	(43.8)	(43.8)	(37.5)	(25.0)
	Female	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
	%	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)
	Total	17	16	12	9	11	11	11	8	8	7	6	4
	%	(100.0)	(94.1)	(70.6)	(52.9)	(64.7)	(64.7)	(64.7)	(47.1)	(47.1)	(41.2)	(35.3)	(23.5)
Total	Male	199	160	133	115	122	112	108	89	85	72	79	69
	%	(100.0)	(80.4)	(66.8)	(57.8)	(61.3)	(56.3)	(54.3)	(44.7)	(42.7)	(36.2)	(39.7)	(34.7)
	Female	187	159	131	112	112	99	101	83	87	76	80	73
	%	(100.0)	(85.0)	(70.0)	(59.9)	(59.9)	(52.9)	(54.0)	(44.3)	(46.5)	(40.0)	(42.8)	(39.0)
	Total	386	319	264	227	234	211	209	172	172	148	159	142
	%	(100.0)	(82.6)	(68.4)	(58.8)	(60.6)	(54.7)	(54.1)	(44.6)	(44.6)	(38.3)	(41.2)	(36.8)

TABLE 2 - GPA's Earned by Fall 1977 LACC Transfers to CSULA

First Year

Major	Sex	Fall 1977				Winter 1978				Spring 1978			
		No.	Avg. UA	Avg. UC	GPA	No.	Avg. UA	Avg. UC	GPA	No.	Avg. UA	Avg. UC	GPA
0	M	23	10.7	10.3	2.05	17	10.7	9.2	2.17	14	11.6	10.7	2.40
Undecided	F	35	8.4	8.1	2.40	16	8.4	8.2	2.55	12	9.4	8.6	2.41
	T	58	9.3	9.0	2.24	33	9.6	8.7	2.33	26	10.6	9.7	2.40
1	M	41	10.1	8.6	1.84	33	10.2	9.1	1.93	29	9.8	8.1	1.87
Bus. & Econ	F	29	8.8	8.0	2.21	25	9.6	8.4	2.11	22	9.4	8.6	2.39
	T	70	9.5	8.4	1.98	58	10.0	8.8	2.00	51	9.6	8.4	2.09
2	M	2	8.0	8.0	2.31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Education	F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12.0	12.0	2.33
	T	2	8.0	8.0	2.31	0	0	0	0	1	12.0	12.0	2.33
3	M	37	10.8	10.2	2.51	26	11.6	11.0	2.60	26	10.6	10.0	2.59
Fine & Appl.	F	40	9.7	9.2	2.49	26	9.8	9.5	2.37	26	10.2	9.4	2.36
Arts	T	77	10.2	9.7	2.50	52	10.7	10.2	2.49	52	10.4	9.7	2.48
4	M	42	10.2	8.6	2.22	31	10.5	9.8	2.32	33	11.1	10.2	2.56
Letters &	F	54	9.8	9.4	2.48	44	10.0	9.7	2.58	37	10.1	10.0	2.75
Science	T	96	10.0	9.0	2.37	75	10.2	9.7	2.46	70	10.5	10.1	2.66
5	M	15	12.7	11.3	2.38	8	13.8	13.3	2.90	10	11.7	11.7	2.72
Engineering	F	1	4.0	4.0	2.00	1	4.0	4.0	2.00	1	4.0	4.0	2.00
	T	16	12.1	10.9	2.38	9	12.7	12.2	2.87	11	11.0	11.0	2.69
Totals	M	160	10.6	9.5	2.19	115	10.9	10.0	2.31	112	10.8	9.8	2.40
	F	159	9.3	8.8	2.42	112	9.5	9.1	2.42	99	9.8	9.3	2.52
	T	319	9.9	9.1	2.30	227	10.2	9.6	2.36	211	10.3	9.6	2.45

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Second Year

Major	Sex	No.	Fall 1978 Avg. UA	Fall 1978 Avg. UC	Fall 1978 GPA	Winter 1979 No.	Winter 1979 Avg. UA	Winter 1979 Avg. UC	Winter 1979 GPA	Spring 1979 No.	Spring 1979 Avg. UA	Spring 1979 Avg. UC	Spring 1979 GPA
0	M	7	11.7	9.9	2.48	4	13.3	11.3	2.08	1	12.0	12.0	2.33
Undecided	F	2	6.0	6.0	2.33	2	6.0	6.0	2.33	1	8.0	8.0	2.00
	T	9	10.4	9.0	2.46	6	10.8	9.5	2.12	2	10.0	10.0	2.20
1	M	27	9.7	8.9	1.82	17	9.5	9.1	2.20	17	8.9	8.2	2.21
Bus. & Econ.	F	19	9.5	8.1	2.07	19	9.2	8.7	1.97	19	10.0	8.3	1.93
	T	46	9.6	8.5	1.92	36	9.3	8.9	2.08	36	9.5	8.3	2.06
2	M	1	9.0	9.0	3.11	1	12.0	12.0	2.41	1	7.0	7.0	3.00
Education	F	2	11.0	11.0	3.45	2	12.0	12.0	3.46	1	11.0	11.0	3.36
	T	3	10.3	10.3	3.35	3	12.0	12.0	3.11	2	9.0	9.0	3.22
3	M	21	10.9	10.6	2.64	17	12.3	11.1	2.58	17	11.3	10.7	2.71
Fine & Appl.	F	25	11.6	10.8	2.61	23	11.2	10.9	2.48	21	12.5	12.0	2.70
Arts	T	46	11.3	10.7	2.62	40	11.7	11.0	2.53	38	12.0	11.4	2.71
4	M	26	11.9	11.9	3.23	25	12.2	12.7	2.75	29	11.5	11.3	2.64
Letters &	F	34	10.1	10.7	2.78	30	10.7	10.6	2.82	31	10.8	11.2	2.86
Science	T	60	10.9	11.3	3.00	55	11.4	11.6	2.78	60	11.1	11.3	2.75
5	M	7	13.9	13.9	2.97	7	15.1	15.1	2.69	4	12.8	12.5	2.22
Engineering	F	1	4.0	4.0	2.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	8	12.6	12.6	2.93	7	15.1	15.1	2.69	4	12.8	12.5	2.22
Totals	M	89	11.1	10.7	2.63	72	11.8	11.4	2.55	69	10.8	10.5	2.54
	F	83	10.3	10.0	2.58	76	10.4	10.2	2.53	73	11.1	10.6	2.59
	T	172	10.7	10.4	2.61	148	11.1	10.8	2.54	142	10.9	10.6	2.56

TABLE 3 - Listed Majors for Fall 1977 LACC Transfers to CSULA

Major	Sex	F'77	W'78	S'78	F'78	W'79	S'79
UNDECIDED							
0000 Undecided	M	27	19	14	7	4	1
	F	40	21	14	5	4	2
	T	67	40	28	12	8	3
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS							
1100 Business Admin.	M	21	12	10	7	0	1
	F	16	8	7	2	0	0
	T	37	20	17	9	0	1
1103 Business Arts	M	0	0	1	0	1	0
	F	0	0	1	1	1	1
	T	0	0	2	1	2	1
1111 Accounting	M	18	13	12	11	11	7
	F	9	10	7	5	8	8
	T	27	23	19	16	19	15
1112 Business Info Systems	M	3	2	1	1	1	0
	F	1	1	1	1	0	0
	T	4	3	2	2	1	0
1121 Business Education	M	0	0	0	0	0	0
	F	1	1	1	1	2	1
	T	1	1	1	1	2	1
1122 Office Administration	M	0	0	0	0	0	0
	F	0	0	0	0	2	2
	T	0	0	0	0	2	2
1131 Economics	M	1	1	0	0	0	0
	F	1	0	0	1	1	1
	T	2	1	0	1	1	1
1141 Finance	M	1	1	1	2	2	2
	F	2	1	1	2	2	1
	T	3	2	2	4	4	3
1142 Insurance	M	0	0	0	1	1	0
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	0	0	0	1	1	0
1143 Real Estate	M	1	2	1	3	2	2
	F	0	1	1	1	1	1
	T	1	3	2	4	3	3
1151 Management	M	7	6	6	2	1	2
	F	2	2	1	3	1	2
	T	9	8	7	5	2	4
1161 Marketing	M	1	1	0	0	0	0
	F	3	4	4	5	4	5
	T	4	5	4	5	4	5

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Major	Sex	F'77	W'78	S'78	F'78	W'79	S'79
1164 Transportation	M	0	1	1	1	1	0
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	0	1	1	1	1	0
1165 International Business	M	0	1	1	2	2	3
	F	1	1	0	0	0	1
	T	1	2	1	2	2	4
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION							
2245 Rehab. Counseling	M	2	0	0	1	1	1
	F	0	0	1	2	2	1
	T	2	0	1	3	3	2
SCHOOL OF FINE & APPLIED ARTS							
3311 Art	M	4	1	1	1	1	1
	F	7	6	6	6	4	3
	T	11	7	7	7	5	4
3322 Health & Safety	M	2	0	2	1	0	0
	F	1	1	1	1	1	0
	T	3	1	3	2	1	0
3331 Home Economics	M	0	0	0	0	0	0
	F	4	4	3	5	3	4
	T	4	4	3	5	3	4
3333 Home Economics - Diet.	M	1	0	0	0	0	0
	F	3	3	2	2	2	2
	T	4	3	2	2	2	2
3334 Child Development	M	2	2	2	1	2	2
	F	16	11	10	11	8	8
	T	18	13	12	12	10	10
3341 Industrial Arts	M	2	1	1	1	0	0
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	2	1	1	1	0	0
3344 Industrial Tech (Print)	M	2	1	0	0	0	0
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	2	1	0	0	0	0
3347 Fire Protect. Admin.	M	1	0	0	0	0	0
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	1	0	0	0	0	0
3351 Music	M	7	7	6	6	6	6
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	7	7	6	6	6	6

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Major	Sex	F'77	W'78	S'78	F'78	W'79	S'79
3354 Music Performing	M	3	1	1	1	1	1
	F	1	1	1	1	1	1
	T	4	2	2	2	2	2
3362 Nursing - Registered	M	0	0	0	0	0	0
	F	6	2	3	3	3	3
	T	6	2	3	3	3	3
3371 Physical Education	M	2	4	4	3	2	3
	F	1	0	0	0	0	0
	T	3	4	4	3	2	3
3381 Criminal Justice (BS)	M	12	8	7	7	6	7
	F	4	3	3	2	2	2
	T	16	11	10	9	8	9
3383 Criminal Justice (MS)	M	1	0	0	0	0	0
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	1	0	0	0	0	0
3391 Recreation	M	2	2	2	1	1	1
	F	2	0	0	0	0	0
	T	4	2	2	1	1	1
3401 Theater Arts	M	4	3	3	3	1	0
	F	1	0	0	0	0	0
	T	5	3	3	3	1	0
SCHOOL OF LETTERS & SCIENCE							
4491 Biology	M	7	6	6	3	4	3
	F	4	3	3	1	1	1
	T	11	9	9	4	5	4
4507 Soc. Sci. (Undec.)	M	0	0	0	0	0	0
	F	1	0	0	0	0	0
	T	1	0	0	0	0	0
4511 Anthropology	M	0	0	0	0	0	0
	F	1	1	1	2	2	1
	T	1	1	1	2	2	1
4532 Biochemistry	M	1	1	1	1	1	1
	F	1	1	0	0	0	0
	T	2	2	1	1	1	1
4541 English	M	1	1	1	1	0	1
	F	4	5	4	4	3	4
	T	5	6	5	5	3	5
4552 Spanish	M	0	0	0	0	0	0
	F	3	0	1	0	0	0
	T	3	0	1	0	0	0
4553 German	M	0	0	0	0	0	0
	F	1	1	1	0	0	0
	T	1	1	1	0	0	0

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Major	Sex	F'77	W'78	S'78	F'78	W'79	S'79
4556 Japanese	M	1	1	1	1	1	0
	F	1	1	1	0	0	0
	T	2	2	2	1	1	0
4561 Geography	M	0	1	1	2	1	2
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	0	1	1	2	1	2
4571 Geology	M	1	0	0	0	0	0
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	1	0	0	0	0	0
4580 Political Sci. (Undec.)	M	1	1	1	1	1	0
	F	1	1	0	0	0	0
	T	2	2	1	1	1	0
4581 Poli. Sci. (Publ. Serv.)	M	0	0	0	0	0	0
	F	2	1	1	0	0	0
	T	2	1	1	0	0	0
4582 Poli. Sci. (Pre Legal)	M	1	0	0	0	0	0
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	1	0	0	0	0	0
4584 Poli. Sci. (General)	M	4	3	2	1	1	2
	F	1	1	0	0	0	0
	T	5	4	2	1	1	2
4591 History	M	2	2	1	2	2	3
	F	4	3	2	2	2	2
	T	6	5	3	4	4	5
4611 Journalism	M	1	1	1	1	0	0
	F	3	2	2	2	1	1
	T	4	3	3	3	1	1
4621 Mathematics	M	0	0	0	0	0	0
	F	1	1	1	1	1	1
	T	1	1	1	1	1	1
4631 Microbiology	M	3	2	2	2	1	1
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	3	2	2	2	1	1
4632 Medical Tech.	M	10	5	4	5	4	3
	F	4	4	3	3	2	2
	T	14	9	4	8	6	5
4633 Environ. Health Sci.	M	0	0	0	0	1	1
	F	1	0	0	0	0	0
	T	1	0	0	0	1	1
4651 Physics	M	1	1	1	1	1	1
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	1	1	1	1	1	1

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Major	Sex	F'77	W'78	S'78	F'78	W'79	S'79
4661 Psychology (BS)	M	5	3	3	3	3	2
	F	10	7	5	5	4	3
	T	15	10	8	8	7	5
4663 Psychology (MS)	M	0	0	0	0	0	0
	F	1	0	0	0	0	0
	T	1	0	0	0	0	0
4671 Sociology - General	M	3	0	0	0	0	0
	F	2	3	3	5	5	4
	T	5	3	3	5	5	4
4672 Sociology - Soc. Welfare	M	3	1	2	3	1	1
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	3	1	2	3	1	1
4673 Social Welfare	M	0	0	0	1	0	0
	F	1	1	1	1	1	0
	T	1	1	1	2	1	0
4681 Speech Communication	M	1	1	0	0	0	1
	F	1	0	0	0	0	0
	T	2	1	0	0	0	1
4683 Drama	M	1	0	0	0	0	0
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	1	0	0	0	0	0
4684 Speech Pathology	M	1	0	0	0	0	0
	F	5	4	4	4	3	2
	T	6	4	4	4	3	2
4685 Broadcast. Radio, T.V.	M	3	1	3	2	4	4
	F	2	1	1	1	1	1
	T	5	1	4	3	5	5
4701 Latin American Studies	M	1	0	0	0	0	0
	F	1	1	1	1	1	1
	T	2	1	1	1	1	1
4711 American Studies	M	2	1	1	1	1	1
	F	1	1	1	1	1	1
	T	3	2	2	2	2	2
4721 Mex. American Studies	M	0	0	1	1	1	1
	F	1	1	1	1	1	1
	T	1	1	2	2	2	2
4731 Liberal Studies	M	2	1	2	2	2	2
	F	7	5	4	6	5	7
	T	9	6	6	8	7	9

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Major	Sex	F'77	W'78	S'78	F'78	W'79	S'79
4751 Afro American Studies	M	0	0	1	1	1	1
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	0	0	1	1	1	1
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING							
5801 Engineering - (Undec.)	M	1	1	1	1	1	0
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	1	1	1	1	1	0
5812 Engineering - Civil	M	8	3	2	2	1	1
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	8	3	2	2	1	1
5822 Engineering - Electrical	M	5	4	4	4	4	3
	F	1	1	1	1	1	0
	T	6	5	5	5	5	3
5832 Engineering - Mechanical	M	2	3	3	3	1	2
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T	2	3	3	3	1	2

TABLE 4 - Listed Majors for Fall 1977 LACC Transfers to CSULA
(Summary by School)

Major	Sex	F'77	W'78	S'78	F'78	W'79	S'79
UNDECIDED	M	27	19	14	7	4	1
	F	40	21	14	5	4	2
	T	67	40	28	12	8	3
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS	M	53	40	34	30	22	19
	F	35	29	27	22	22	22
	T	88	69	61	52	44	41
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION	M	2	0	0	1	1	1
	F	0	0	1	2	2	1
	T	2	0	1	3	3	2
SCHOOL OF APPLIED ARTS	M	45	30	29	25	20	21
	F	46	31	29	31	24	23
	T	91	61	58	56	44	44
SCHOOL OF LETTERS & SCIENCE	M	56	33	35	35	31	31
	F	65	49	41	40	34	32
	T	121	82	76	75	65	63
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING	M	16	11	10	10	7	6
	F	1	1	1	1	1	1
	T	17	12	11	11	8	7
TOTAL	M	199	134	122	108	85	79
	F	187	131	113	101	87	80
	T	386	265	234	209	172	159

Figure 1 - Persistence of Fall 1977 Transfers to CSULA, According to School of Major.
(in numbers of enrollees)

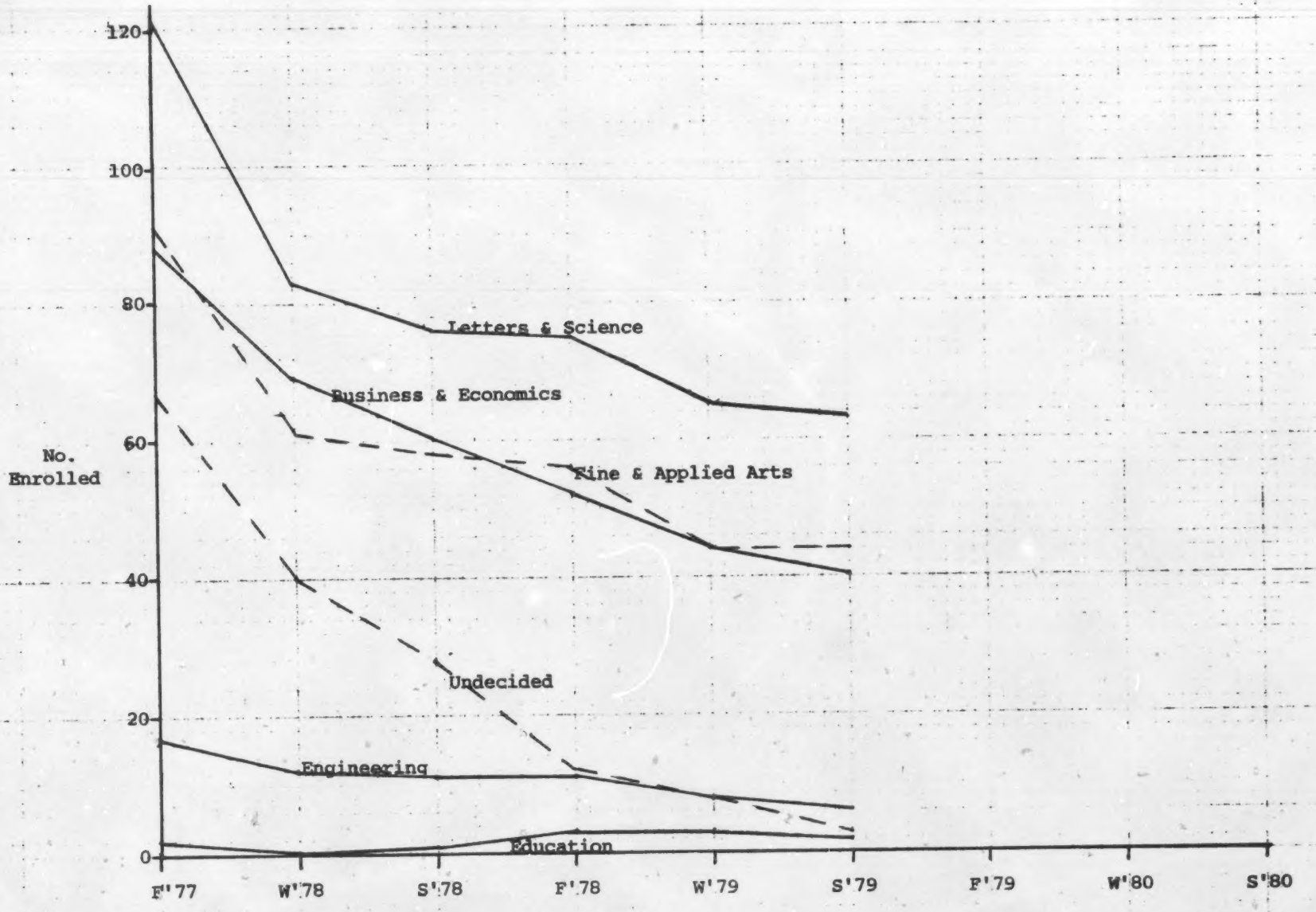


Figure 2 - Persistence of Fall 1977 LACC Transfers to CSULA, According to School of Major (in percent)

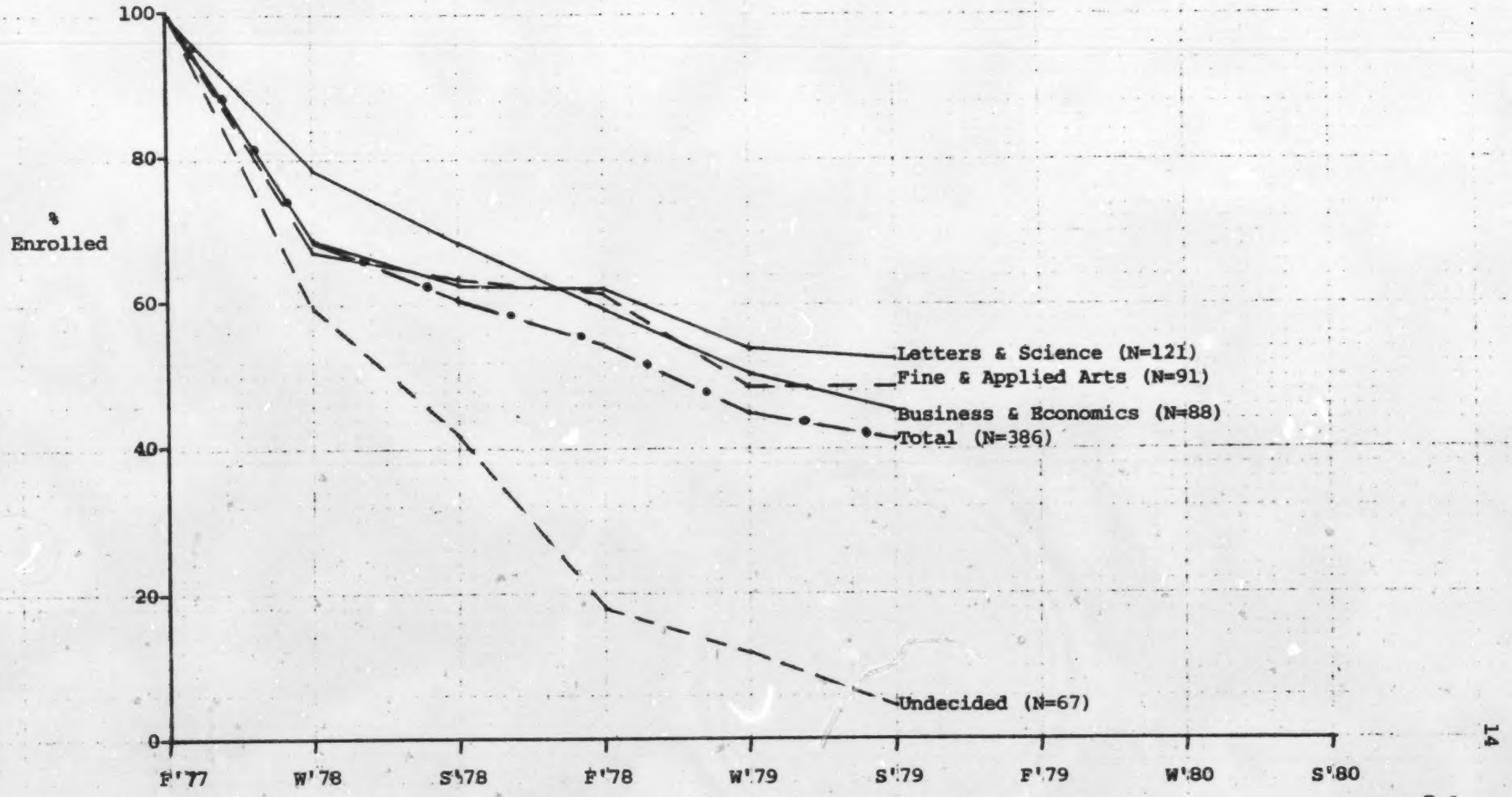


Figure 3 - GPA's Earned at CSULA by LACC Fall 1977 Transfers, According to School of Major

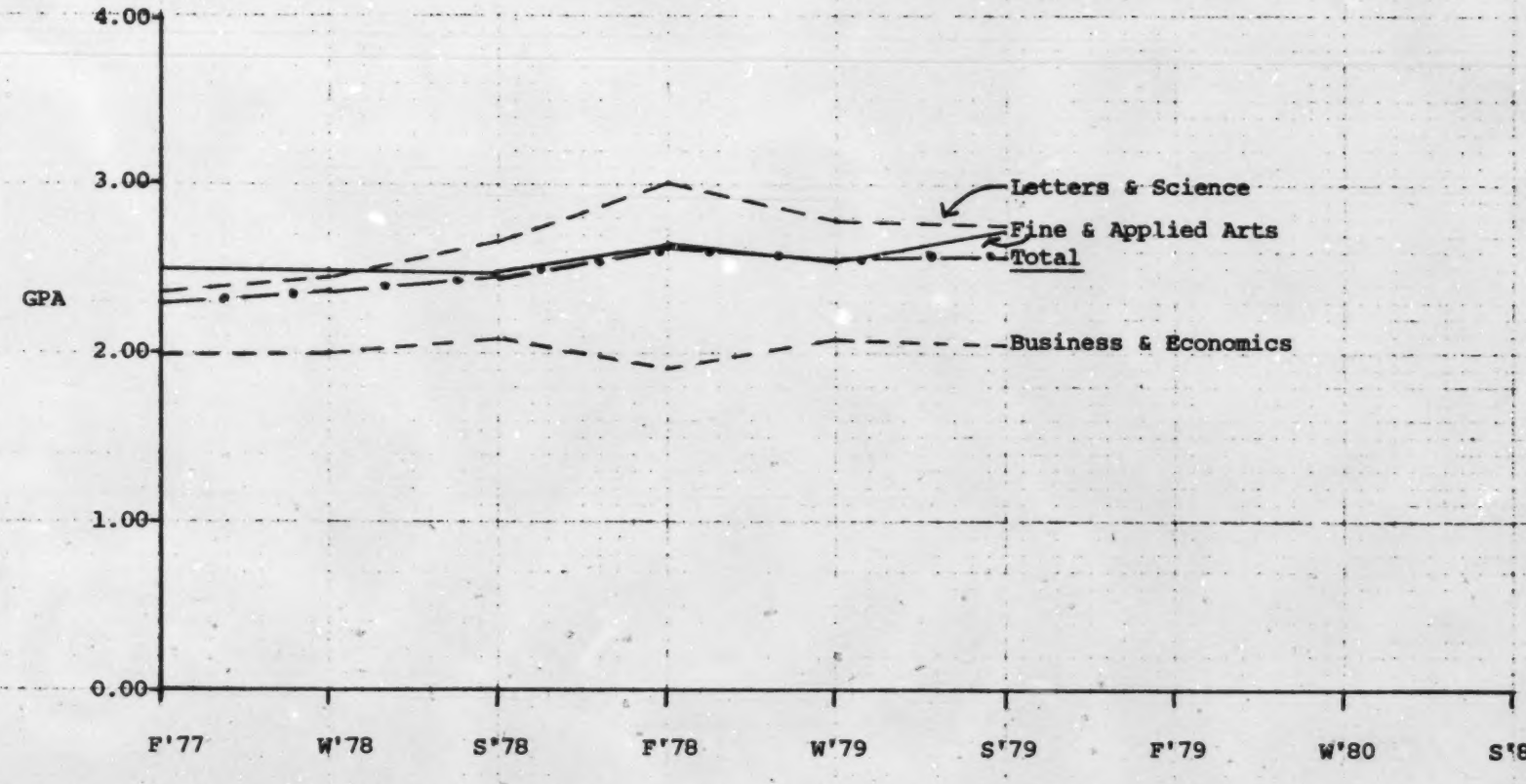


Figure 4 - Distribution of Majors According to School (% of total for each quarter)

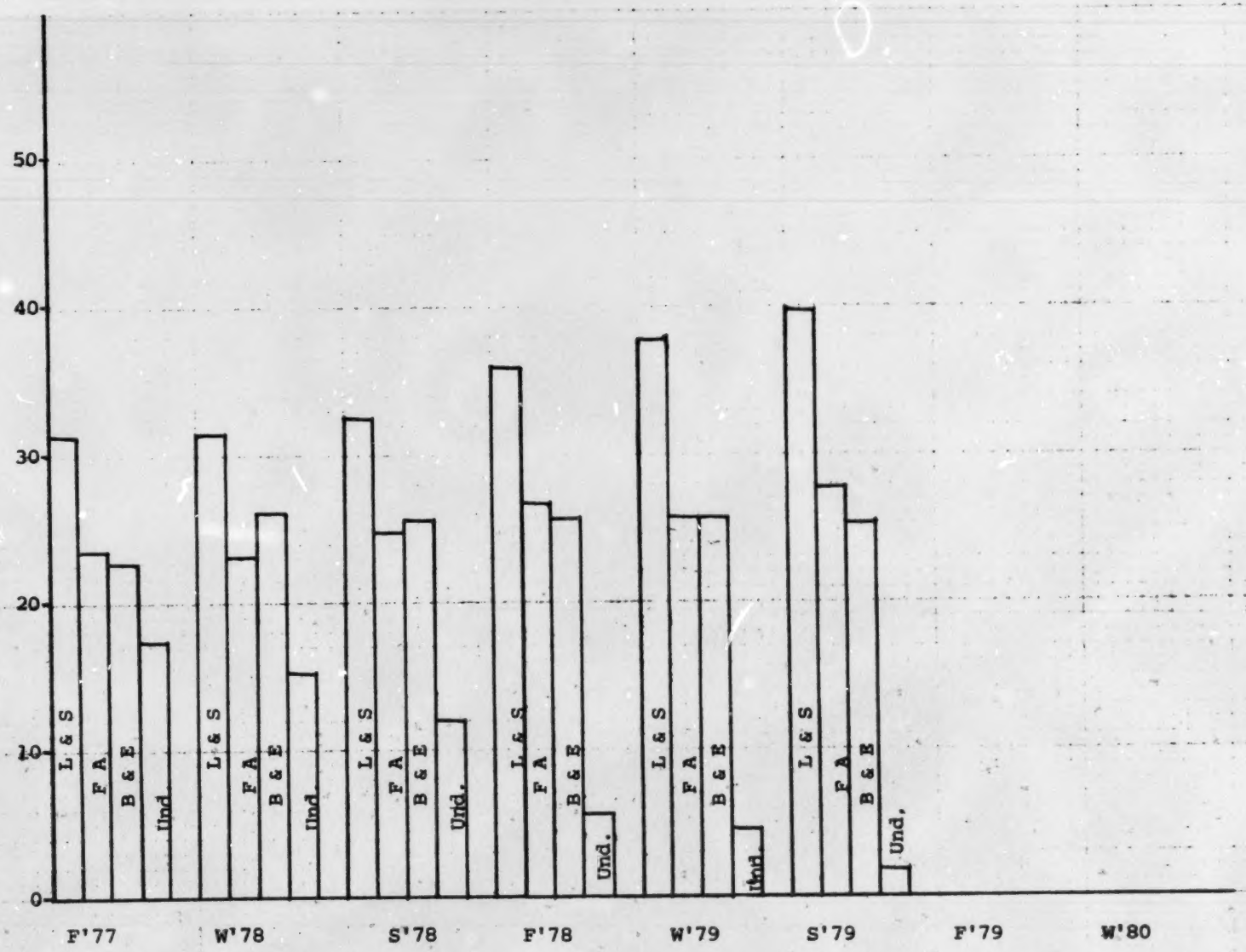


Figure 5 - Persistence of Fall 1977 LACC Transfers to CSULA, According to Sex

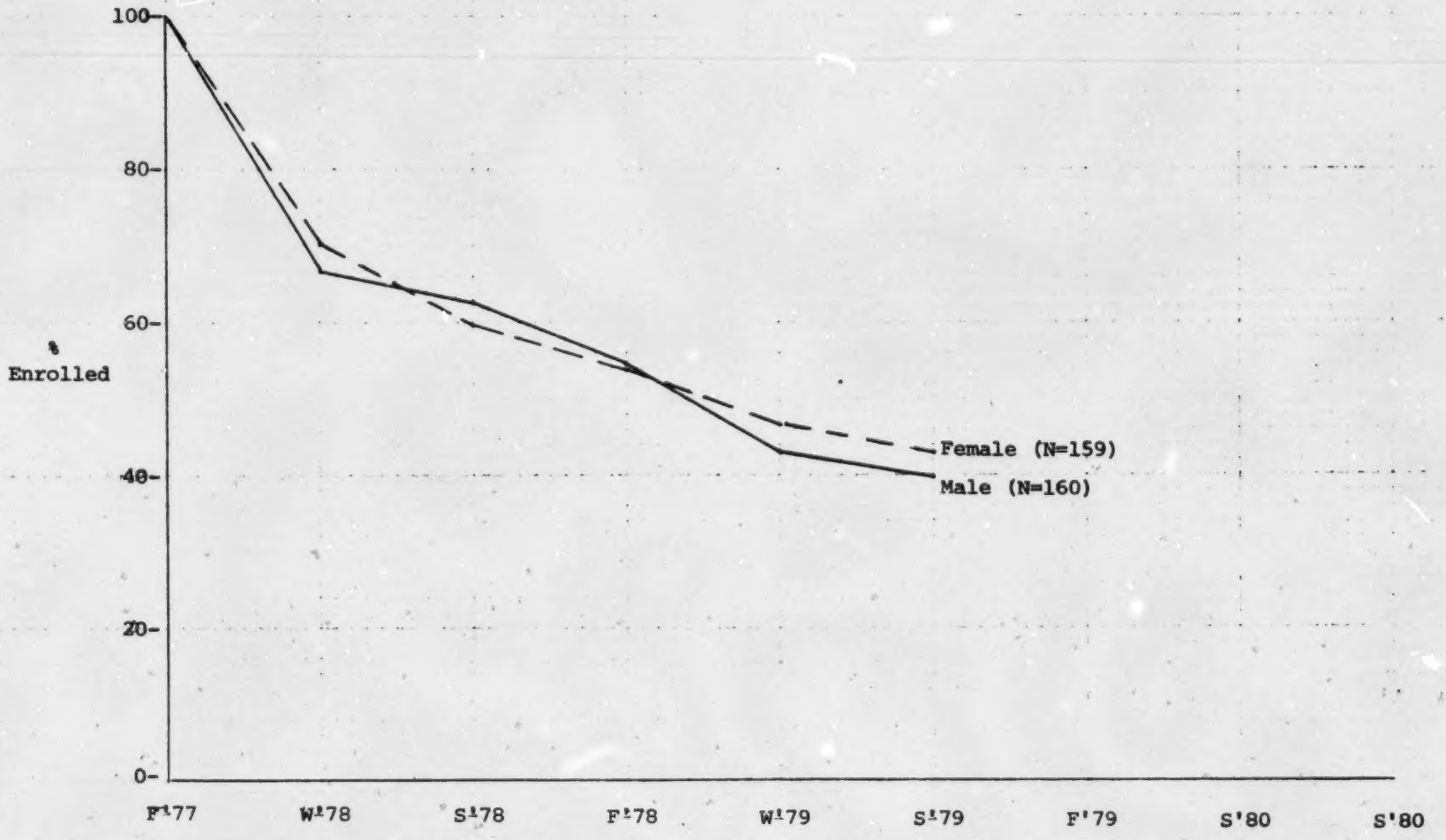
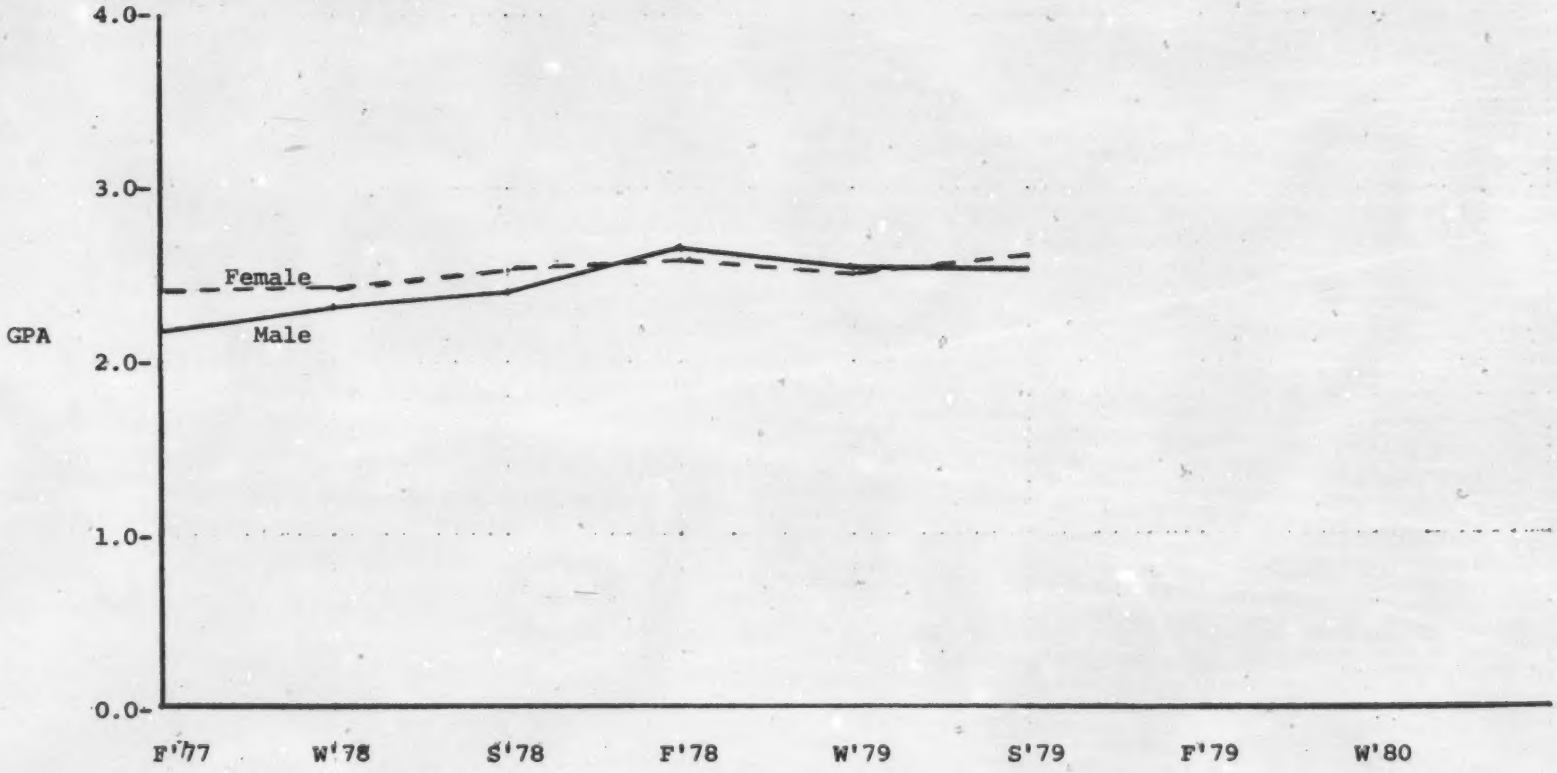


Figure 6 - GPA's Earned at CSULA by Fall 1977 LACC Transfers, According to Sex



DISCUSSION & CONCLUSIONS

This study looks at persistence of Fall 1977 LACC transfers to CSULA over the two years following transfer. Following are some observations on the findings of the study.

(1) 386 students transferred from LACC to CSULA in Fall 1977. Of these, 83% completed some work during the Fall 1977 quarter, and 68% enrolled for the Winter 1978 quarter, with 59% completing work during that quarter. By the end of the Spring 1979 quarter, 41% were still enrolled and 37% completed work.

(2) Majors in the School of Business and Economics showed the highest percentage returning for the second quarter (78%) of the three schools accounting for over 90% of the students. By Fall 1978, however, both of the other two (Letters & Science, Fine and Applied Arts) showed higher returning percentages. Most of the early "undecided" majors ultimately found a major in the School of Letters & Science.

(3) Students with majors in Business & Economics had the most academic difficulty, with average GPA staying between 1.9 and 2.1 for the two years. Fine and Applied Arts major's GPA increased from 2.5 to 2.7, while Letters & Science majors fluctuated from 2.4 in Fall 1977 to 3.0 in Fall 1978 to 2.75 in Spring 1979.

A follow-up report on these students is planned after another year's data become available. At that time it is hoped to have comparative persistence and also graduation rates. At present, the only available comparison figure is for all community college transfers to the entire state university and college system. That figure* shows that of the 35,527 transfers from California community colleges enrolled for the Fall 1975 term, 23,842 (67.1%) were in attendance one year later to begin the Fall 1976 term at the CSUC campus of first attendance. Table 1 above indicates the LACC rate to be 54.1%.

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